GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri M.Trinadha Rao, Dy.Range Officer(Retd.), formerly Madugula Section of Chodavaram Range of Visakhapatnam division– Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS CC&A Rules, 1991- Inquiry report of Inquiry Officer communicated – Imposing 5% cut in pension for a period of two years – Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 7 Dated: 25-01-2017
Read the following:

1.From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 17149/2015/A&DC-1, dt. 04.04.2016.
2. Govt. Memo. No. 2122/Sec.IV/A1/2015, dt. 22.07.2016.
3.From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 17149/2015/A&DC-1, dt. 07.11.2016.
4. Govt. Lr. No. 2122/Sec.IV/A1/2015, dt. 01.12.2016.
5. From the APPSC, Lr. No.06/DC&C/2/2017, dt. 07.01.2017

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In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that an Article of Charge was issued to Sri M.Trinadha Rao, Dy.Range Officer, Madugula Section of Chodavaram Range of Visakhapatnam Division, by the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam vide Rc.No.6855/2012/M8, dt.25.10.2012 on the following count:-

Article:I "That the said Sri M.Trinadha Rao, Dy.Range Officer,Madugula Section of Chodavaram Range of Visakhapatnam Division had committed grave dereliction of duty and permitted the villagers for illegal formation of road in Sankaram Reserve Forest". Thus Sri M.Trinadha Rao, Dy.Range Officer failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government employee in violation of Rule 3 of APCS(Conduct) Rules,1964.

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 11.12.2012 and submitted his explanation on 17.12.2012. Not satisfied with his explanation, the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam appointed Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam as Inquiry Officer and the Accounts Officer, Internal Audit Party, Visakhapatnam as Presenting Officer vide Conservator of Forests Proc.No.6855/2012/M8(i& ii) dt.07.02.2013, for conducting regular enquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer conducted the inquiry and the Addl.Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam submitted findings vide his Rc.No.6855/2012/M8, dt.12.09.2015, in which he concluded that the "charge is proved".

4. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref.No.17149/2015/Vig-2, dt.28.01.2016 for submission of further defence. The Charged Officer submitted his further defence dt.23.02.2016 in which he stated that he had already submitted his explanation to the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam.

5. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.7.2013. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of AP Revised pension Rules, 1980.

6. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government have observed that the charge framed against the Charged Officer is held proved and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (2) two years against Sri M. Trinadha Rao, DRO(Retd.), formerly Madugula Section of Chodavaram Range of Visakhapatnam, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 2nd read above. The PCCF, A.P., Hyderabad, vide ref. 3rd read above has informed that, the Charged Officer has not submitted his further defense statement within the stipulated time to the Show Cause Notice.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (2) years against the retired Charged Officer Sri M. Trinadha Rao, DRO(retd), under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).
Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.06 /DC&C/2/2017, dt.07.01.2017).
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER